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Freshmen (playing hookey, no doubt) ring in spring, as the last remnant of winter looms in the background. (Photo by Tom Arcidiacono)

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MAD stages Referendum

By LISA BARBASH

A studentwidemeetingwillbeheld Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in Mead Chapel. The purpose of the meeting is to make up a student referendum to be presented to the president of the college and to the board of trustees.

Issues dealing with the lack of representation which students have in the College's decision-making process will be the focus of the meeting. Solutions to these problems will be proposed and then a vote will be taken. The results will be compiled in the referendum.

The meeting is sponsored by the Middlebury Awareness Development organization (MAD), a coalition of student leaders. Recently formed, MAD came into being as a result of various efforts on campus to get students to work together toward solving their problems in positive ways.

The original MAD began simply as an awareness group started by Michael Middeleer '80 and Michael Pearson '80. MAD met several times in the Gamut Room during the past few weeks, during which they discussed ways in which they could "get existing power (on campus) together," said Middeleer.

Working separately, the Interfraternity Council also was trying to bring students together. In a March 8 meeting, in an effort to "find a legitimate way of producing an effect", the IFC decided to get up a student referendum, said Jeff Keller '79, IFC president.

Meanwhile, athletics coach Mickey Heineken called two meetings of the captains of athletics teams with "the concern that faculty and fraternity members are at opposite ends of the pole." Discussed at the meetings March 7 and March 13 were various ways to improve relations between fraternity members and the faculty. Another major issue brought up at the meeting was the absenteeism from campus of President Olin Robison.

A merger of all these forces finally came about March 16 when the presidents of most of the campus' organizations met. Each president had deen notified to bring a list problems concerning the school. These were then narrowed down to six major ones which will be discussed at the all-campus meeting.

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Funding approved For laundry room

By BRIAN WILLIAMS

The growing number of problems in the laundry room have prompted President Olin Robison and Treasurer Carroll Rikert to authorize the allocation of funds to improve the facilities, according to Dean Erica Wonnacott. She said last week that although she has not yet determined whether to add new machines or to repair old ones, something will be done.

The chances of expanding the laundry facilities in Forest basement to another location on campus are slim. Associate Treasurer David Ginevan explained that once washers and dryers were located in different dormitories, but a central laundry room was created three or four years ago with the installation of better machines. He added that the school realised a great savings in energy by centralizing. Dryers can

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Saudi takes trustee position

By SUSAN SONDHEIM

Khalid Ali al Turki of Dahran, Saudi Arabia has accepted an appointment for a five-year term as a trustee of the College.

Al Turki lives in Dahran with his American wife, Sally , a son, Ramu, 5, and a daughter, Rasha, 7. He attended American University, where he recieved B.A. aand M.A. degrees in international relations, and Stanford University where he received his M.B.A. Al Tunki is the owner and managing director of the Trading and Development Co., which is an holding company with interests in a number of contracting and manufacturing companies.

There are many factors involved in this appointment as a trustee. According to assistant to the president, Roger Martin, Al Turki's experience in business and management will be an asset when it comes to managing the College's portfolio, an important function of the board of trustees.

Also, the College is trying to internationalize the board to some extent in order that it, with many schools and programs abroad, can be considered an international school.

Al Turki will be the second non-American trustee. Kyle Prescott, a Canadian, is the other non-American.

Al Turki will visit the College with his family this weekend to attend his first meeting as a trustee.

News Roundup

President Jimmy Carter achieved a breakthrough in the Mideast peace talks March 13, and in the next two days the Egyptian and Israeli cabinets accepted compromises on the disputed points. The treaty will be signed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt in Washington, D.C. The last two issues blocking the accord concerned occupation of the Sinai and Palestinian self-rule. The treaty provides for Isreali withdrawal from Sinai to be completed within the next three years. In addition, negotiations for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank will begin within a month after both sides ratify the accord. The treaty includes U.S. aid to both Egypt and Israel.

A delegation headed by James R. Schlesinger, secretary of energy, warned March 12, "The call for voluntary conservation isn't working," and U.S. oil consumption has been hitting record levels in recent weeks. Demand for oil, according to Energy Department figures, passes 21 million barrels a day in recent weeks for the first time. Inventories have fallen by 1.6 million barrels a day since the beginning of the year.

Therefore, those inventories are less than 100 million barrels above the level required to keep the distribution system running smoothly.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security advisor to Carter, arrived in Saudi Arabia March 17 to seek Arab support for the treaty. On the Arab side, Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, began talks with King Hussein of Jordan about opposition to the treaty.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered a stop to the closed trials and summary executions of former Iranian leaders which have resulted in the deaths of more than 60 men. The March 16 order stayed, at leats temporarily, the trial and possible execution of former Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveida, the highest ranking official whose secret trial began March 14. The decision appeared to be a victory for Prime Minister Mehdi Mazargan in his discord with the Ayatollah over the governing of Iran.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commisssion ordered March 13 that five nuclear energy empowered plants be shut down within 48 hours because their ability to withstand earthquakes was deficient. A spokesman for the commission emphasized that the plants were not considered unsafe, but the NRC questioned the plants' safety. Nonetheless, the order to close them stirred new debate over the nuclear powered generators. The five plants serving 13 million people are in Scriba, N.Y., Gravel Neck, Va., Wicasser, Me. and Shippingport, Pa.

The battle cry, "Balance the Budget," was the message of opponents to the narrowly approved rise in the public debt limit by the House of Representatives March 15. House members voted 212 to 195 to set the debt limit at $830 billion, which is $32 billion more than the former ceiling. Advocates of a balanced budget had introduced an amendment to the motion which would have permitted future increases in the limit only if the federal budget was in balance for the year concerned. The amendment was defeated 201 to 199 on a procedural point.

Pope John Paul II published his first encyclical March 15, five months after his election, proclaiming the intention of the Roman Catholic Church to serve more effectively as "the guardian of freedom" in today's world. The 24,000-word letter is considered the most formal teaching instrument of the papacy. Entitled "Redeemer of Man"(trans.), the encyclical reflects the pontiff's conservative views on theology and church issues, as well as expressing his concern for today's social and economic conditions and for human suffering.

Collected from the New York Times.

Forum disagrees on Honor Code

By MATTHEW SCHWAB

Student Forum members failed to endorse with a majority vote any specific proposals for changes in the Honor Code at its meeting March 18.

Andy Glassman '82, the sole student representative on the Honor Code review commitee, said that he will nevertheless pass along the various proposals. The Commitee will make a final recomendation to be voted on by the student body at spring registration. A three-quarters vote is needed to enact any change.

Discussion at the meeting focused on the section of the Honor Code stating that a student is "morally obligated" to report cheating violations to the Judicial Council.

A proposal by Chris Granger '80 recommended a change stating that a person can report violations "and/or confront the offender." In support of this proposal, Phyllis Rhodes '80 argued that some sort of effective deterrent to cheating within the code is needed. She said that students just are unwilling to make a charge will have such serious consequences (eg. suspension). She saw personal confrontation as a more realistic option that could still have real value as a deterrent.

Peter Gardner '80 argued that Granger's proposal constituted both a weakening of the Honor Code, and an ineffective solution. "Your proposal to change the code will not make a damn bit of difference, frankly," said Gardner.

The actual meaning of the term, "morally obliged," was discussed in terms of how it reflects the responsibility of individual sudents. Students were divided in opinion on the question of what degree of obligatiion is implied by the term.

Dean of Students Erica Wonacott noted that the phrase was made delibrately vague when changes were instituted three years ago. She explained its inclusion as a sort of "loophole." Terms such as "must" or simply "obliged," were thought to be overly restrictive and unrealistic at the time.

Jeff Keller '79 proposed not changing the code, except for a definition of "morally obligated." Ari Fleischer '82 proposed lessening the punishment for violation from indefinite suspension to failure in the course involved, along with the violation on all transcripts.

None of the proposals gained a majority approval when put to vote, although all except Fleischer's suggestion to lesson punishment gained substantial support.

Forum decided to leave the issue unresolved, at least regarding specific proposals. Glassman's report to the review committee will reflect the Forum's consensus that some sort of change in the code is desirable.

In other business, the Forum discussed Fleischer's investigation of switching continental breakfast from the SDU's to Proctor. Fleischer will distribute a questionnaire to breakfast eaters in Hamlin in order to solicit their reactions.

Actual 1977-78		Budget 1978-79	
Expenditures		**Expenditures**	
Personal Services	$8,100	Personal Services	$8,782
Utilities, Debt & Job Orders	2,203	Utilities, Debt & Job Orders	2,174
Financial Aid	1,409	Financial Aid	1,560
Food	925	Food	1,005
Provisions/ Allocations	1,576	Provisions/ Allocations	1,372
Other	3,662	Other	3,901
	17,875		18,794
Revenue		**Revenue**	
Student Fees	$12,840	Student Fees	$13,921
Gifts, Endowment & Investment Income	2,609	Gifts, Endowments & Investment Income	2,687
Use of Reserves	549	Use of Reserves	290
Other	1,847	Other	1,896
	17,875		18,794

All numbers in thousands.

Because of the poor printing quality in last week's issue, we are reprinting this table of the College's annual budget for 1977-78 and 1978-79. It accompanied an article on page 3, "Fee fills College budget." We regret inconveniences to our readers.

Terrace dining slated for spring

By KAREN MOYER

Despite the wayward trend of campus happenings, students will witness the simultaneous return of two Middlebury traditions—Springtime and terrace dining at the end of spring break, April 9.

Revoked last year by the Community Council, outdoor dining was judged unworkable because people were not busing their own dishes and food service could not control over the removal of tableware and food.

Gary Starr, director of Food services, said, however, that if he were a student, he certainly would want terrace dining as an alternative. The reinstitution of the dining option "will be on a perpetual trial basis, both fall and spring," said Starr.

He added that alterations were necessary to make the program more viable. One change, he said, might be the collection of student identification cards, which would be returned when the diner busses his own dishes.

Outdoor dining also may return to the Social Dining Units—again with modifications. A checker's table may be placed at the exit door in order to control diners,

With these changes and a little student effort, Starr said, terrace dining may be back to stay. He said he would appreciate suggestions for improving the smooth functioning of outdoor dining.

Old Chapel notes: Greek and off-campus concerns

Concerning the future of the fraternities: What steps is the administration taking to help fraternities now? What committees are being formed? How will they work?

The College wants to help the fraternities renovate their houses so that students will still find them an attractive dining alternative after the end of fraternity dining. As you know, the Coffrin Committee recommended that "the College develop with the fraternities a program of financial support that will allow continued fraternity living and help fraternity members maintain their houses in satisfactory condition. This program should: a) finance and implement the capital improvements recommended in the report of the outside contracting firm that inspected the fraternities, and b) finance the furnishing and maintenance of the renovated fraternities at a standard comparable to that of College facilities."

Since the fraternity properties are owned by individual corporations, the president has appointed a committee composed of Mr. David Ginevan, Dean Russ Leng and Dean Karl Lindholm to negotiate with each one. I say "negotiate" because both parties want to keep their independence and the College wants to make sure that the houses stay in good shape after their renovation so that whatever money it provides won't be wasted. This committee will start contacting the fraternity corporations this week.

Another committee, the dining subcommittee which you read about last week, will make recommendations about the remodeling of Proctor—something that will benefit fraternity members who will eat on the Hill after June 1980.

In the past, the administration has been accused of not listening to student opinion, but I don't think this is a fair charge here. Not only are there three students on the other subcommittees, but two meetings open to all students have been held. The first discussed the function of the subcommittes and decided which students would join them. In the second, the dining subcommittee heard student criticisms of the present food system. I assume that, in accord with Mr. Ginevan's request, the other two subcommittees will hold similar meetings. If you have any suggestions, I know they would be glad to hear them.

What efforts will the administration make to keep fraternities going after dining is discontinued?

The College has been helping fraternities buy their food, thus saving them money. In addition to the plans for the renovation fraternity houses, mentiond above, the College will provide breakfast supplies for the fraternity houses—as recommended by the Coffrin Committee. Again, the aim is to make them an appealing living alternative.

Can the administration buy fraternity lands and turn the houses into dorms? Is the administration thinking of doing this?

The fraternity corporations own the land and the fraternity houses. Even if the College had a plan to buy the properties and then turn the houses into dorms (IT DOESN'T !!!), the corporations would have to agree to sell them. This isn't likely.

How is the fraternity board credit determined?

Let me have another go at this. It seems to me that the basic disagreement between the College and the fraternities on credit/rebate is this: the College believes the amount it returns as "credit" should be what it costs to feed a fraternity member if he/she were to eat on the Hill. The fraternity member, on the other hand, would like a "rebate" equal to what it costs the fraternity to feed him/her.

The amount each dining fraternity member receives is set between these two amounts. In other words, the credit/rebate is more than what it would cost to feed an extra person (in addition to those already on thee meal plan, that is) in College dining facilities.

Questions concerning off-campus housing:

What is the policy on off-campus housing? Why are only a few people allowed to live off-campus?

Sixty students may live off campus (fraternities are considered "on campus"). The reason for limiting numbers is primarily a social one—a large number of students released into a small town like Middlebury would inflate rents and change the nature of the town. Given that context, we plan for 60 off-campus students in our enrollment projections; that is, we plan a student population of 60 more students than we can house.

What are the qualifications and guidelines for students to live off-campus?

The system of selection is by priority—seniors first. Exceptions are made for students with extraordinary personal situations.

Does the school help students find off-campus housing or provide references for students if the landlords require them?

The College has no formal mechanism for helping students find off-campus housing. That would involve tacit "approval" of inspection of the housing—situations we prefer not to get into. We do provide references if requested, and occasionally they are requested.

JOHN SPENCER
Dean of the College

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A recent Bandroom performance featured Sophomores (left to right) Lisa Pinson, Sylvi Allen and Jack Foster. Photo by Peter Duncan.

Peeping Tom haunts dorm

By LISA BARBASH

The problem of a Peeping Tom at Atwater-Davis dormitory was a major topic of discussion at the Community Council meeting held March 15 in Proctor Lounge.

Ann Fralish '81, brought up the matter, explaining that a friend of hers who lived in the Davis basement had been spied on through her window several times and had even been followed from Atwater-Davis to Pearsons one night by a man. Fralish added that her friend had also received a three-page letter, probably from the same person.

Assistant Dean of Students Karl Lindholm stated that the town police had received a description of the subject and were working on tracking him down. Campus Security also is working on the case. An officer was stationed overnight in Davis basement for days last week. The outside doors of the Davis basement have been locked and each resident (all females) has been issued a key. Other solutions suggested by the council were to install a walkie-talkie in the basement which would be tuned in with Security to establish a watch system run by residents of the dorm and to install bright lights around Atwater-Davis.

Dean of the College John Spencer said that he would speak to Jon Woodbury, director of the physical plant, immediately about the lights.

Another solution proposed was to not assign women to the first floor of dormitories in the future. It was noted that the College had solved any Peeping Tom problems they had had a few years ago when they stopped putting women on the ground floor as a policy. Wonnacott said that this year the policy had not been changed but that there had been a shortage of rooms for women and, therefore, they were assigned to one of the basements.

Council members also discussed the problem of student directories being used by stores and mailing outfits for solicitiation by mail. Council chairman Missy Stern '80 noted that several parents had complained about this system and that a possible solution would be to eliminate home addresses from the directories.

However, Stern and the rest of the Council agreed that, as an alternative, notices should be sent to the parents of each student telling the option of not having home addresses printed. Since the directory is copyrighted, Lindholm suggested, the College might "prosecute the people who violate it." The Council referred the matter to the Student Forum.

The question of how door-to-door solicitation by students on campus should be regulated also was passed on to Forum.

Symposium offers idea exchanges

By ROBYN STONE

April 21, 1979 marks the 13th year of the Intercollegiate Symposium held at Bennington College in Bennington, Vt. Students from colleges all over Vermont gather at Bennington to participate in panel discussions of papers in literary criticism, the natural sciences and the social sciences. There also will be panels of creative works in short fiction and poetry. Last year 143 students from 15 colleges participated.

According to John McCardell, assistant professor of history and co-director of the event, the symposium is not a contest. Rather, it is an opportunity for students all over the state to exchange ideas and discuss common intellectual interests.

There will be both morning and afternoon sessions during which papers on the same subject will be grouped into a panel.

Anyone is eligible to submit works, McCardell said. The postmark deadline for submissions in all categories is April 6, and students who have been selected will be notified by April 14, along with the time and place of the readings.

To submit works in literary criticism, natural sciences and the social sciences, send a copy of your work to the chairman in the appropriate category.

Literary Criticism Professor Nicholas Clary Dept. of English St. Michael's College Winooski, VT 05404

Natural Sciences Professor Eduard Flaccus Division of Science Bennington College Bennington, VT 05201

Social Sciences Professor John McCardell Dept. of History Middlebury College Middlebury, VT 05753

The manuscript should be typed and double spaced. Name, college, home address and year in college should be on the title page. This copy will not be returned until after the symposium. McCardell suggested that students keep their own copies.

For footnotes and bibliography, refer to an accepted manual of style, such as the MLA style sheet.

McCardell added that the papers may be for a course as well as independent research. There is no limit to length, but take into consideration, he said, that each session will run about an hour and a half, and it takes two minutes to read a typed page. Papers between 10 and 12 pages are preferable.

The format for the creative works is the same. Submissions in short fiction should be sent to Mr. George Clay, RD #2, Arlington, VT 05250. Send poetry to Mr. Edward Barna, 80 Park St., Brandon, VT 05733.

Recognition for participation begins during the panel discussion.

All works are discussed immediately after the presentation in the panel session. Students may ask questions and the author has an opportunity to discuss his work.

Every participant will receive a certificate of recognition from the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences. Outstanding presentations may be published by the academy in its literary magazine, *Occasional Papers.*

A student art exhibit will accompany the symposium at Bennington. It will run from March 10 to April 21. Paintings, prints, drawings and sculpture will

The all-day Performing Arts exhibition held in Middlebury at Wright Theater on March 10 was another division of the symposium. There is time to submit work for any aspect of the symposium. For further information write the appropriate Chairman or write to VAAS program chairman: Professor Jerome Wyant, English Dept., College of St. Joseph the Provider, Rutland, VT 05701.

MAD

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"The main focal point" concerns studnet representation on the board of trustees, said Keller. Although the deans, through Robison, are supposed to convey student sentiments to the board of trustees, "There's no guarenteeing what they're going to say is going to be representative," said Keller. MAD wants a student on the board "to continually say "This is what the kids are thinking," he added.

Another issue involves the tenure and reappointment procedure. MAD is pushing for more student input into those decisions. They also are "toying with the idea of asking them to put two more faculty members in the committee," said Peter Duncan, '80, president of Student Forum.

Ways of expanding student activity and dining space will also be discussed, as well as the administration's treatment of the fraternities.

A fifth issue concerns supposed problems with the programs abroad. Duncan stated that he feels that the criteria for admission to these programs should be more clearly defined.

Finally, the students will discuss Robison's absenteeism. MAD is "calling for Robison to be more in tune with the students... he's not in touch enough with the students," said Duncan.

Keller sees the meeting both as "part of a consciousness-raising" to the president and the board of trustees and as a "kind of a unification process of students." He added that the deans, in the past, have "harped" on "the lack of leadership on campus."

On a flyer passed out to students to urge them to attend the meeting it was stated, "only a large turnout of students can help our protest." Middeleer explained, "We'll know whether students want to do anything about it (these problems) or not. If not, they're just griping and the hell with them."

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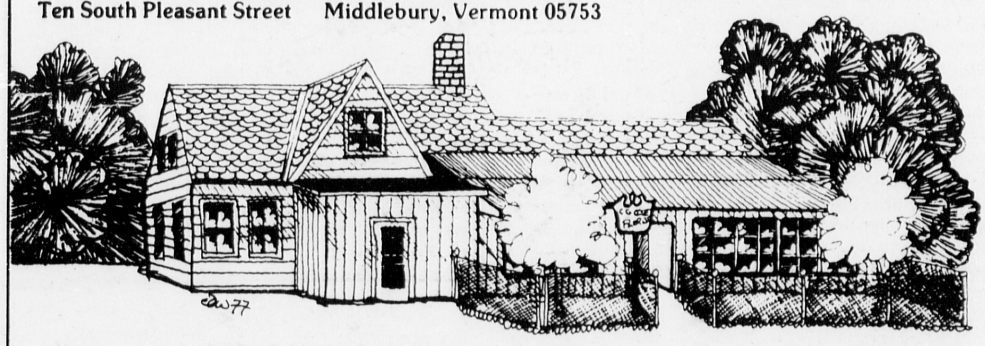

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Editorials

Don't just listen, Try to understand

Is anybody out there listening? Or is everybody just talking?

For several weeks now, members in all ranks of the College community have been pointing to a lack of communication as a primary cause of the overwhelming malcontent on campus. This problem has been pinpointed in discussions in meetings, letters to the editor, and general campus talk. Many of these people have agreed that to resolve the problem of communication is to relieve much of the tension.

In accordance with this goal, tomorrow's campuswide meeting in Mead Chapel has been organized by a group called MAD—Middlebury Awareness Development. MAD is a conglomeration of campus leaders and interested students who joined forces last week after hearing about each other's efforts to try to do something about this Middlebury malaise.

Tomorrow's referendum will propose actions on many of the major issues bothering the community: tenure, the Programs Abroad policy, President Olin Robison's seeming inability to communicate student opinions to the trustees, and student space on campus. Many of these suggestions are idealistic in concept and vague in implementation, but they are the outlines of constructive improvements.

What remains to be seen is the effect of tomorrow's meeting. If it becomes a ''gripe session'' which is pessimistic in attitude, the outcome—no matter what the voting tabulations reveal—will be ineffective, and perhaps even detrimental to the goal of opening communications. A referendum must be positive in its aims, with a definite end in mind. Therefore, those who lead the meeting, as well as everybody who attends—and we encourage you to do so—should adopt a positive, forward-looking, constructive attitude toward any and all action.

The structure for increased communication on the part of the students, then, has been established by MAD. The administration, also, has formed the basis for resolving tension.

Dean of Students Erica Wonacott sent a letter to this paper (March 7) expressing the desire of the administration to communicate with students. Dean of the College John Spencer stated at the Community Council meeting March 6 that the administration is not out to ''get the frats.''

Associate Treasurer David Ginevan, chairman of the core committee to study needed campus renovations, has urged the four subcommittees to hold open meetings to solicit complaints as well as suggestions on student space requirements. Ginevan also has been appointed by Robison to head a committee to contact the fraternities to begin negotiations ''with regard to the repair and maintenance of the fraternity corporations.'' Deans Russ Leng and Karl Lindholm will work with Ginevan.

In sum, the format for opening lines of communication has been created on both sides of this imaginary ''battle line.'' It is now time to stop complaining and start acting.

Tomorrow night's referendum, Community Council and open committee meetings, the formation of student-administrative groups to deal with the issues, as well as letters to the editor and complaints at the dinner table all are messages—and beginnings of action.

It is important now that everybody—students, faculty, administrators and trustees—listen to each other, try to understand what they mean, and act jointly to effect improvements.

The *Campus* welcomes letters to the editor and will try to print as many as possible in each issue. We cannot publish, however, letters containing personal attacks or profane language. We reserve the right to edit letters, and they must be signed with an address, although names will be withheld upon request. We also cannot print correspondence addressed to another party. Send letters to Box C 2198 or bring them to the *Campus* office in Proctor Hall no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Peter Gardner

A sigh of relief For Mideast nations

To even the most disinterested observer, the anticipated era of peace between Israel and Egypt will be received with a sigh of relief, if not great celebration. It is possible that the union of these Mideast states will precipitate a further peace settlement, one which will include the entire Middle East. It is precisely this goal which the Carter administration seeks in sending a high-level delegation to that area. The president hopes to solicit the support of heads of Arab states for the Israel-Egypt peace accord.

Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat has compromised his position in Middle East affairs by accepting what his Arab neighbors condemn as a separate peace. However, Sadat has come to terms with the future. His country is not rich. Not long ago, a relatively small increase in staple food prices, a matter of a few cents, caused riots—and subsequent death—in the streets of Egypt. Sadat accurately perceives the gravity of Egypt's situation: persistently increasing prices on world markets will affect his country. Egypt will not avoid higher food, clothing and shelter costs. The need for foreign aid and technology cannot be overestimated, and it stands only to increase in the future. A future war with Israel would deplete Egypt's resources, and result in the death of Sadat's countrymen.

In accepting a peace pact with Israel, Sadat and the Egyptian government have accepted economic aid from the United States, an assurance of peace with Israel (no small consideration), and new hope for the future. It is fair to presume that Egyptian farmers and peasants, the vast majority of the populace, would rather eat than fight, would rather live with a roof over their heads, than with the threat of the roof falling down around them during an air strike. In accepting peace, President Sadat has acted in the best interests of his country.

Israel, too, will benefit. The threat of war has been diminished; indeed the threat of attack from Israel's western border has all but been removed. The United States has promised aid to Israel which, itself, suffers a staggeringly high rate of inflation. Although Israel's economic problems are not nearly so severe as Egypt's, this forthcoming aid will bring needed financial strength to the country.

The economic stability of a nation, and the resulting degree of success and happiness of its citizens, determine in large measure the future of Egypt. The increased interest of the United States in Mideast economics will bring greater stability to the region. One can only hope that all the Arab states will accept the peace accord between Israel and Egypt as the cornerstone of a larger, comprehensive structure of peace and stability in the Middle East.

Commentary

In answer to Mr. de Silentio

By SARAH NICHOLS '79

For over a yearnow, I have watched the fraternity battle from the sidelines, wondering whether or not to speak out. The anonymous author of Wednesday's Commentary(''Free choice' for What,'' by Johannes de Silentio) has roused me to emotions I can no longer repress. His blatant bigotry only perpetuates a myth of fraternities that further shows why they are so misunderstood.

I occupy a rare and unique position in fraternity life. I am a member of KDR. I am also female. No, I have not been attacked or raped in the last two years of my membership. I have not added notches to the belts of the ''besotten rowdies,'' as Mr. De Silentio prefers to call them. And, despite your disbelief, I do not own one pair of KDR monogrammed bikini underwear.

Surprised? Why according to Mr. De Silentio (that student who refuses to sign his name to his convictions), the rest of the campus must be exclaiming, ''What Courage, Bravery! How could she survive?'' Well, here I am, alive and well to tell the tale that proves it.

I do not consider myself a freak, extraordinary, or even different than many students at this school. I own my share of shetland sweaters and corduroys. I wear a skirt to class occasionally. And, by the way, I do not weigh two hundred pounds. So why KDR?

KDR has been the most valuable part of my experience at Middlebury College. I believe that the college years, ages 18-22, are emotionally the most difficult years to deal with. ''Identity crisis'' and ''soul-searching'' are only cliches for the most delicate evolution of consciousness at this time that defines the essence of a human being. Certainly, I am not the only student in this school who has experienced profound days of contemplation and self-doubt; they are necessary to the well-being of us all.

Middlebury College charms students to its doors by claims of being small and personal, dealing with students as individuals. This is perhaps the greatest myth of all. The insensitivity and dehumanization of cafeteria life presents the biggest contradiction to Middlebury's shining appeal. Just the other day, I stood approximately five feet within Proctor, trying to find a friend to cancel a meeting I could not attend. Standing barely two feet away from the head waiter, I explained my intentions, adding that I did not plan to eat. I was appalled by the rudeness with which he ordered me out of the dining hall. Indeed, I felt that if I had been male, he would have excorted me bodily from the room.

The dehumanization of Proctor, uniform parking tickets from Campus Security, Old Chapel issuing decrees in the guise of ''policy''....all these got to me. KDR was my relief. I did not join the house to meet guys. In fact, by that time I was so disillusioned with Middlebury altogether that I didn't give a damn whether I met anyone at all. Slowly, I discovered that I was among a group of sensitive people who abhorred the massive regimentation as much as I did. Mr. De Silentio, whoever he is, may say that fraternity members are ''disturbed,'' but I would rather be among a few ''sickies'' who listen, than with a mass of empty faces.

His colorful descriptions of fraternity party signs amused me, but unfortunately did not offer much evidence to support his argument against fraternities. The number of big parties KDR holds is three per year, which is precious little time considering that it operates all year long. KDR is not all parties, and I wish people would stop referring to it and other fraternities as if they were.

I resent Mr. De Silentio's inference that fraternity members violate honor codes and are poor students. For the record, I will say that he is more than welcome to look at my transcript anytime; I'm proud of it. Many of my fraternity friends are strong contestants for business, law, and medical school. Moreover, obviously Mr. DeSilentio rarely visits the library himself, or he might notice the large percentage of fraternity members studying late into the night.

KDR helped me through the most difficult time in my college career. It was there when I needed it. I know that I have not been the only student at Middlebury who needs positive reassurance now and then.

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Correspondence

Misquoted

TO THE EDITOR:

Your otherwise very informative and interesting article in the March 7 issue of the *Campus* on the foreign student community in Middlebury contained a small error which I would like to clear up.

The article described me as being a Jordanian citizen, and then went on to quote me as saying that political turbulence in my country was a compelling reason for my decision to study abroad. What I had said was that the political turmoil in Turkey, where I completed my high school education, was one reason why many Turkish students choose to study abroad.

The quote inadvertently made it seem as if I had left Jordan, of which ıI am indeed a citizen, because of political troubles there.

Jordan, happily, is at present enjoying a period of peace and stability it has known all too rarely in to history.

Otherwise, the article was a gratifying recognition of a small group of people who enjoy living and studying in Vermont simply because it is such a delightful place to be.

MALIK MUFTI '81

Trustees

TO THE EDITOR:

A college is designed to serve students. A Board of Trustees is designed to determine how money will be spent, and what action will be taken, to run a college in a "proper" method. It therefore seems clear that the Board of Trustees should make a special effort to determine student needs and should, whenever practical, weigh student opinion. This obviously has not been the case for the last few months as it seems that student feeling has been totally ignored. Giving the trustees the benefit of the doubt, it is possible that they did not fully comprehend the intensity of student feeling when making recent decisions.

There is a way to solve this lack of communication between the students and the trustees. Many colleges and universities have had great success with students appointed to the Board of Trustees. These students are appointed after rigorous interviews and are given *full* voting rights. The idea is that student trustees represent the student body and vote the way the majority of the student body would vote if given the chance. They simply represent student opinion. This makes the decision making process of the trustees more democratic.

The recent unpopular trustee decisions make it clear that students at Middlebury should be represented on the Board of Trustees with full voting rights. Although their votes may not be able to prevent a potential unpopular decision, their comments to the rest of the trustees may.

DAVE MAGIDA '79

'Spoiled' skiers

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Jamie Marx's letter (3/79) concerning our "spoiled" ski team. I wholeheartedly agree with your proposal that if they want articles written about the ski team, they should write them, but the rest of your letter is in poor taste. You, like many Middlebury students, have some serious misconceptions about the ski team and about individual skiers themselves.

First, your statement "let's hear about the real facts" is off base. You obviously don't know the facts. The majority of the equipment given to the ski team members is provided by the ski companies themselves. (This is usually done on a racer loan basis where you must return the equipment to the company at the end of the year.) The only real equipment costs covered by the ski team are for parkas and warmups. Otherwise, the team (i.e. coaches) only act as distributors—giving equipment(supplied by the companies) to those who deserve it. The skiers who receive this equipment have usually proven themselves before they even come to Middlebury. Not everyone gets equipment, either! Second, national team members who come to school here get little or no support from the school. They may train or travel with the team but while they are racing on their own they have no connection with the Middlebury team. (They are usually sponsored by a ski company). Third, the school doesn't have to pay to send our men's team "all the way across the country." The NCAA pays all the plane fares to Colorado and also contributes a substantial amount to food and lodging.

So, it appears that you are misinformed and it's a shame. All you have to do is ask someone on the team and they'll give you the scoop. I'm not going to harp on all the NCAA Division I crap, but I wish you wouldn't badmouth a sport which does a lot for Middlebury College. Contrary to popular belief, I don't think the ski team is "pampered," nor do they "have enough done for them"(you don't do much for them with an article like that). Skiing is a very dedicated sport—more than most people who don't ski can imagine.(Not many sports require serious training from September to April). So I think you ought to get off the stick—it seems you have one stuck somewhere. You might not want to support the ski team but before you criticize it—get your facts straight!

Sincerely submitted,

CRAIG ANTONIDES '81

Ski coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Jamie Marx's highly critical assessment of my letter printed in last week's *Campus* and the Middlebury Ski Team. His letter appeared to have been written in a fit of rage and misinformation (I daren't say ignorance). I shall attempt to categorically refute all of Mr. Marx's accusations and set the record straight.

I would like to thank Mr. Marx for pointing out to us that the *Campus* staff isn't comparable to the *Sports Illustrated* staff. Nonetheless, I feel that the *Campus* does have a responsibility to cover the ski team competitions, just as it should cover all the other sporting events. I believe the *Campus*, if short-handed, should have contacted the ski team and worked out a viable method of reporting our races with us. Mr. Marx is "obviously" a bright young man. His suggestion that I report on the ski team activities is a fine idea and I shall keep it in mind for next season. I only wish he had spoken up sooner.

Mr. Marx, you want to hear about the *real* facts? Well here they are:

The Middlebury ski team doesn't shell out a "red cent" for our equipment. All of us are good enough to get all our equipment free, directly from the manufacturers. In fact, the only things we do get free are our team uniforms which we must return at the end of the season just like the other teams at Middlebury.

Yes, Mr. Marx, we were flown out to Colorado for the NCAA Ski Championships, but the NCAA paid for everything: airfare, food, lodging. To tell you the truth, I would rather compete at the Snow Bowl, our home hill, in front of a partisan crowd than have to travel 2000 miles and have to compete at 8000 feet altitude.

I would like to point out that like other gifted athletes at Middlebury we are not given athletic scholarships. Many of us would have gotten a "free ride" to UVM, Colorado, or other big universities, but we chose Middlebury., regardless of cost, because we felt a superior education was worth it. With that in mind, we have no greater obligation than any other athletes to stay in school if we have a chance to compete against the best in the world. I, personally would be damn proud to see a Middlebury soccer player make it to the Olympic team or the NASL. and I would hope the Middlebury community would be proud if one of our skiers made the U.S. Ski team. Ron Biederman is one example of this. After a fine career on the national team he is being forced out of racing because of injury. He has recently returned to Middlebury, not to "grace" us with his presence, but to finish his education (not in implicating quotes) which he has worked long and hard for.

I resent Mr. Marx calling the ski team a "pampered group." We have worked very hard for what we have. For many of us(especially those with national aspirations) ski ski racing is a 12 months a year commitment. Not only do we ski all winter, but we also physically train all year round as well as take costly trips to Europe or South America for summer ski training. Mr. Marx, you think we are pampered? Well you are wrong because we have paid our dues, both financially and physically. If you don't believe me, why don't you come out and train with me this spring?

Mr. Marx seems to be interjecting his own feelings into my use of "fair share" in my letter. He appears to be implying that the other teams at Middlebury aren't getting their "fair share" from the Middlebury Athletic Program. I couldn't agree more. We have one of the best Division II hockey and soccer teams in the country. I believe it is a great injustice that they aren't allowed to realize their full potential through national competition(which they would surely qualify for). But Mr. Marx is talking to the wrong man. He should take his grievances to Mr. Lawson, our athletic director. Then he could accomplish something productive instead of taking potshots at one team that has been give its "fair share."

Sincerely,

JIM (THE COUNT) TAYLOR

P.S. I would like to commend Kris Mix for her ski team article in the most recent *Campus*. (March 7 issue)

Campus Briefs

Faculty strikes at Boston

The Boston University faculty union voted March 15 to stage a two-day warning strike against the school today and tomorrow. The fourth largest private university in the country has witnessed rising controversy between the professors and John R. Silber, its outspoken president. The union, the American Association of University Professors, is demanding sizable salary increases which, according to the institution, would drive it into bankruptcy, pricing it beyond the reach of many students.

The vote is another example of nationwide concern among faculty members about wages, job security, and their role in campus government now that enrollments are shrinking.

Nestle Company boycotted

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (CH)—The University of Notre Dame last week officially implemented a boycott of Nestle Company products. The action came after a year-long struggle by students and a recent referendum showing 72 percent of the student body favored the boycott.

The Nestle controversy centers on the company's sale of an infant formula in lesser developed nations. Critics claim the product is promoted to undereducated mothers who sometimes fail to follow the product's instructions carefully or who use it as an expensive substitute for more nutritious breast milk.

Nestle's claims the product is not advertised in less developed countries and that its distribution is supervised by qualified health officials.

Notre Dame Vice President of Student Affairs Fr. John Van Wolvlear says leaders of the Nestle's protest came to him months ago and asked, "What do we have to do to get the university to boycott?"

"We set up guidelines to make sure the students were informed—pro and con articles appeared in the paper, Nestle's was given their opportunity to present their side of the issue—before the campus referendum. They fulfilled the guidelines and we feel we have to acknowledge the vote."

The boycott will remain in effect for one year and will affect all purchases made by Notre Dame food service operations. Students will also be given a list of Nestle Company products they may boycott on their own.

Fraternities under fire

(CH)—In the 1960's fraternities came under fire from universities for allegedly discriminatory membership policies and in 1979 the frats are again being pushed for reform.

At Dartmouth last week, when the trustees decided to postpone for one year action on a faculty proposal to abolish frats altogether, they also asked the fraternities to present a policy statement of non-discrimination toward homosexuals.

Greeks at Bowdoin College in Maine were also given a reprieve from a faculty-endorsed proposal that fraternities there be required to accept women on an equal basis with men. Jonathan Brandt, administrative secretary of Beta Theta Pi, one of the frats that would be affected if the resolution passes when it is again considered in two years, said, "I'm sorry to say that it (a requirement to accept women) would probably mean the end of our chapter there." Beta Theta Pi's founding charter specifically limits membership to men, as do the bylaws of nearly all major fraternities.

One Bowdoin fraternity not affected by the proposal is Psi Upsilon. The founding charter of Psi Upsilon makes no requirements of members other than that they be "students in good standing." Individual chapters are allowed to set their own requirements and three currently accept females as full members.

No other major national fraternity is believed to accept women, although many have associate memberships or "little sister" organizations.

The undergrad fraternity members themselves, in some instances, are fighting their national offices over the coed issue and during the summer several frats will face the topic at their national conventions.

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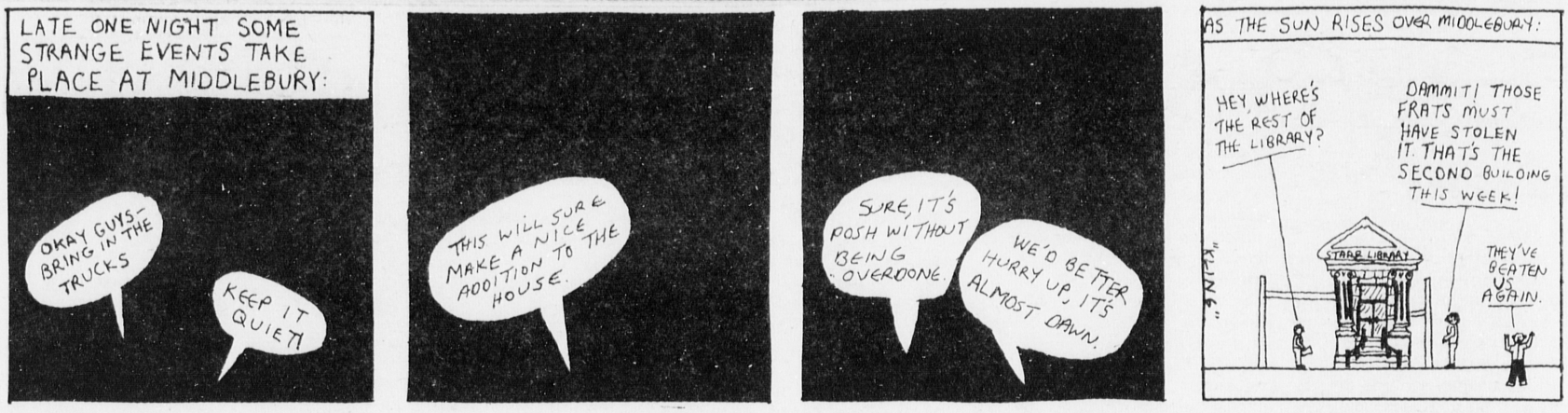
LATE ONE NIGHT SOME STRANGE EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT MIDDLEBURY:
OKAY GUYS- BRING IN THE TRUCKS
KEEP IT QUIET!
THIS WILL SURE MAKE A NICE ADDITION TO THE HOUSE.
SURE, IT'S POSH WITHOUT BEING OVERDONE.
WE'D BETTER HURRY UP, IT'S ALMOST DAWN.
AS THE SUN RISES OVER MIDDLEBURY:
HEY, WHERE'S THE REST OF THE LIBRARY?
DAMMIT! THOSE FRATS MUST HAVE STOLEN IT. THAT'S THE SECOND BUILDING THIS WEEK!
STARR LIBRARY
THEY'VE BEATEN US AGAIN.

Correspondence

Pros and cons

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's issue of the *Campus* was puzzling indeed. With one exception, all letters and commentaries were pro-fraternity and all news about the administration and faculty was anti-fraternity. The faculty, led by Victor Nuovo, came out in favor of closing the fraternities. Why, President Robison? Why do you permit such a meeting? You must have been mad as hops to hear that the faculty wants to shut down the institutions which you hold so dearly to your heart and take every precaution to save. I guess it's official now: the folks with the say aren't too concerned with dining—they're out to get the frats themselves. Boy oh boy was I puzzled to see this right after an issue in which Dean Spencer, speaking for the administration, said that he was in favor of fraternities and would try to keep them strong.

I was even more puzzled to see that the only person who spoke out against fraternities didn't have the guts to mention his/her name. Why not, Johannes? What are you scared of? I thought Kent State radicals like you were plucky enough to come out in the open. Abbie Hoffman is probably every bit as irked as the four dead in Ohio at your weakness of character. But it is no mystery to me why you remain anonymous. You realize that you're part of such a small minority that you would feel personally humiliated. I would be too if I held your views because I would be a misled fool. Are you saying that fraternities are racist when you mention their halloween outfits? Whoa there, are you forgetting why Slug is called Slug? Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury wanted to admit blacks and Jews and were prepared to fight it out with the national fraternity. The issue was news nationwide. At present, every frat will accept blacks, Jews, or Martians for that matter. Fraternities actively rush black freshmen and the most notable case is at DU where I have been to a small party with eight or ten black students. They're there because they are the kind of people who would enjoy DU and no one gives a crap whether they're white or black. The fact, Johannes, is that fraternities here are open to all. If you want a quiet atmosphere you can join a quiet frat and vice versa. Middlebury, moreso than other schools, should be proud of its record in this area.

As far as parties are concerned, ts none of your friggin business what they do. Chances are, half o hose "seriously disturbed" frat nembers had higher board scores than you (and at least they can sign their own name!) They work hard o pull grades, many help to continue the great athletic tradition here, and if they want to celebrate a win or a "B plus" with a stupor it is their constitutional right to do so and has been since 1933. I enjoy the good humor of their attitudes toward partying and world issues, and I think Professor Woodruff would say that rather than being sick they are perfectly normal college students trying to have the best of times for $6500 a year.

But thanks, Johannes, for stating what seems really to be the attitude of the faculty/administration. They aren't leveling with us and we have no way to get response. If this were fair this country would be under a fascist dictatorship. But this week in Vermont we got to witness pure democracy in the form of the town meetings. Too bad Middlebury has democracy but Middlebury College is a dictatorship.

You have good reason to remain anonymous, Mr. de Silentio. I would too if I had such absurd ideas as you do. You're an obnoxious fool who, by giving such a ridiculous argument, only weakens the administration's stand.

DESMOND HUSSEY '82

A free choice

TO THE EDITOR:

Fulfilling my responsibilities as an apathetic Middlebury student is, at times, trying. But until I read "Johannes De Silentio's" commentary (March 7) on fraternities, I'd always managed to preserve my indifference. The flagrancy of this piece was too tempting; thus I've broken down and written this letter.

I quite respect this person for daring to retain his own peculiar views through the years; it's nearly impossible to maintain one's individuality for long at this "clonal" college. I was, however, disappointed that such a seemingly moralistic person would lack the probity to sign his own name. Maybe he expected the odious creatures of DU to lynch him on the spot.

Erection of a fence around the "besotten rowdies" was an interesting but rather unoriginal solution to the problem of Johannes' fears. The frat guys started building that fence between themselves and the school years ago; wanting to avoid the narrow-mindedness of the Johanneses, many sought an alternative to life on "The Hill" and exercised their rightful "Free Choice." By ridding the College of fraternities, Johannes, you're merely tearing down the fence and forcing the "creatures" upon yourself.

To base such a strong opinion on party posters and a freshman impression is to be (you said it) irrational. I'm not at all sure that the commentary proved that "the institution of fraternities...perpetuates...repugnant decadence." If repugnant decadence does indeed exist at this college, it has so far only manifested itself in the food we eat at Proctor.

To conclude, I'd like to answer your ultimate question: yes, Johannes, fraternities do contribute to this college. Not only do they answer to the need of an alternative—a free choice—, but they provide many students with a warm unity of relaxed atmosphere, good food, high spirits, and lifelong friends.

JANE FLETCHER '80

A definition

TO THE EDITOR:

Administrators, Coffrin-Committee-ers, and even some students are constantly telling us (students) that we don't understand all the facts behind the decision to cut fraternity dining, therefore judging our spoken reactions to be irrelevant. While I may seem somewhat cynical in my letter I do not mean to be at all offensive. I have come across a very subjective, purely academic explanation (in my reading for anthropology) for such a decision as had been made against fraternities' "rights." A definition (sociologically speaking) has been offered, explaining what frats are and do—for those of you as yet unsure. The passage also states that there is a need for certain behavior during the process of maturation. These actions are usually somewhat primitive in nature. (I'm sure the "adult" members of Middlebury society would rather have the frats express frustrated primitive rituals through the erection of a sculptured phallic symbol over massive aboriginal ritual circumcision.)

I didn't intend on writing so much. The passage speaks for itself for those who are willing to hear:

"Even in the United States, where church and state are theoretically non-competitive, there is an extensive and powerful group of secular cult institutions—in the schools, in medical institutions, in clubs, in neighborhoods—which administer ritual and maintain myth with little or no supernatural rationale.

"A convenient example of a type of secular cult institution commonly found in the United States is the Greek-letter college fraternity and sorority. These organizations, elaborately organized on a national basis, with 'chapters' on individual campuses, serve the obvious function of providing board and lodging to college students. But their principal function is to accomplish an identity change in their members, transforming them from boys and girls into college men and women who can claim membership in an elite group. They conduct, in other words, the principal puberty rituals for many thousands of members of our society. Furthermore, they do so by using the same essential ritual process that has been described for similar rituals in tribal societies such as those of Australian aborigines and West African Negroes. Typically, the pledge is isolated from parents and other adults and from less-favored peers and is subject to a gradually intensifying series of stresses (fear and anxiety, fatigue, sleeplessness, physical torture, and cognitive disorientation). Then, with dissociation accomplished, the suggestion of new status, with its rights and duties, is made to the pledge in a group setting. Finally, the notitiate is admitted to membership in the adult group of society members (Leemon, 965). What is particularly interesting about these rites of passage is the jealousy they arouse, not so much in nonfraternity members (although this may exist), but in the administrators of other rites of passage for freshmen on college campuses—guidance counselors, deans, personnel officers, and religious officials. These administrators correctly (and painfully) perceive that he who controls the rites of passsage controls the society and that, since they cannot offer membership in their own group to those whom they wish to mold, they cannot conduct adequate rituals." *Religion: an Anthropological View*, Anthony F.C. Wallace, 1966, pp. 262-3.

Sorry about the length, but I think it was worthwhile!

KERRY MESSER '81 (non-frat member)

The Campus will not be published again until April 18 because of midterm examinations and spring break.

What's to hide?

TO THE EDITOR:

There is a lot of dissent going around Midd. and its going to get worse before it gets better. Many people would pin the whole mess arbitrarily on the fraternities and "their" dining problem. I consider myself as rational as anybody, and certainly not "ape-like." Allegations and name-calling of this sort do not serve any purpose but to rouse tension and further distasteful response. It would not come from anybody who gave much thought to what he/she was saying.

First of all, there was no dining problem until the college (i.e. administration) decided to raise the tuition without raising the off-campus rebate. The only reason S I heard for this were economic. However, its social implications were never considered. It is clearly unfair, because the lack of rebate makes it unfeasible, except for the very well-off, to eat off campus. This to me is unconstitutional, even outright theft. Worst of all no explanation was ever offered or given by the administration. Why? Is it because there is something shady going on within the food services. Why can't the room and board portion of the tuition be paid separately and openly, and not all hidden in the comprehensive "tuition." Don't you as people who are paying for an education even care about where your money is going? Most students don't have any idea how much they are paying, and what they are paying for.

The truth is that when it comes down to it it is the students who are paying to come to Middlebury, so I think we should at least have some say, and what we say should have some effect as to what is happening here. The major problem maybe is the lack of communication. The administration seems to do things without consulting or even telling anybody what they are doing. This is immediately going to alienate the students and undermine any confidence that previously existed. I really feel like the nation of Taiwan does towards the U.S. at

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this moment (not to mention the rest of our allied nations). A real air of confusion and distrust exists. In my opinion the decision to close fraternity dining was made long before any committee was dreamed up. A reason was needed to justify the action to the rest of the world. All the petitions and protest were in vain from the start. Even worse is that the only reasons given were economic. Middlebury College is not starving (new fieldhouse, library, etc.), only the students are. What we are starving for is only "good" food.

The hostile air does not exist because it is the nature of "apes" who live at fraternities. Furthermore, linking the vandalism in the library and the incidents with campus security with the fraternity system is thoughtless, and exemplifies nothing but irrational prejudice. I'm sorry, but it won't get you anywhere, perhaps it has even made things worse. Any creature will get hostile and irrational if its freedom and/or existence is threatened. Especially without provocation. The people of Boston did not throw British tea into the harbour because they thought it was a "fun" thing to do. They were serious. We are serious. Why is taxation without representation so different from what is going on in Middlebury today? Not only with fraternity dining, but with the whole elusive nature of the comprehensive tuition as well. They may say if you don't like it—leave. If I did not give a damn that's just what I would do. On the contrary a dissonant note strikes deep in my heart when money (without any rhyme or reason) is put before human rights.

My question is: Why won't the administration tell us what is going on? What are they trying to hide? With all due respects,

LEW BURRIDGE '80

Frats' role

TO THE EDITOR:

At their monthly March meeting the faculty withdrew their support of the Coffrin Committee's observation that fraternities are an important part of Middlebury College life. This must mean that the faculty believes that fraternities are not an important part of college life here. An assistant professor of philosophy (ed. note: incorrectly reported as religion) argued that frats, rather than playing an integral role in college life, reflect a reversion to "ape-like" characteristics.

When was the last time you saw a faculty member at a frat party? When was the last time you saw faculty eating at a frat? When was the last time you saw a faculty member at a fraternity for any reason at all? How then can the faculty make a judgement on the role frats play in college life? I'd like to know how many of the faculty that concluded that frats are not an important part of college life have been inside of a frat this year. I would guess not very many.

From my own firsthand experience I can say that frats most definitely play an important part in college life at Middlebury. I'm not ready to say exactly what role it is that the frats play here, but I know that at a school as small and isolated as Middlebury is, it's important to keep as many different social outlets as possible open. Fraternities may not be for everyone, but they are an alternative at a school where alternatives are few and far between.

And as far as reflecting a reversion to "ape-like" characteristics, well, Darwin would be proud. Maybe some of the faculty who came to this decision whould pound on their chests, grunt a little, and hang by their tails; they should have their fun too. And remember, there's a little monkey in all of us, so why contain it?

JOE HEDAL '80

Rowdiness

TO THE EDITOR:

I find it very disenchanting to find that there is at least one person (Johannes de Silentio) who feels that fraternities seem to do no good at Middlebury College. Mr. X (as this student will be referred) says that fraternities serve only one purpose, to "keep a bunch of besotten rowdies on the other side of (the) campus." I do not see why he vents his opinions only at frat members because it seems that other "rowdy" people come to frat parties. I question why he is singling out only fraternity members? How does he explain the wanton destruction of the dorms (i.e. broken windows, broken doors, etc.)? Certainly he can not blame all this on frat members, for I have witnessed these acts of vandalism done by non-fraternity members.

Mr. X then proceeds in his commentary to call frat members: "odious creatures," "seriously disturbed," and "sickies." He then uses for evidence the posters which advertise frat parties and certain actions which some of the frat members have done. (Some of which I find in bad taste, but do not consider them acts of "sickies.") To me this seems like a bigot calling: blacks lazy, because he sees them lying around; Jews rich, because he has seen one with a lot of money; or that an Irishman drinks a lot, because he has seen a few in a bar. (To the rest of the student body, please do not take offense by these absurd examples because I myself fall in to one of the above minorities.)

Most people on campus thought that the posters during Winter Carnival were humorous, and I am sure that they did not feel that their authors were "sickies." And the acts which he saw a few frat members who could at the very worst be considered in bad taste. It seems that Mr. X does not really know what he is talking about because he really has only had surface contact with fraternities.

I can not see how Mr. X can call another group of people names when he really knows so little of these people; especially when frat members are major participants in the Big Brother programs, the Special Olympics for the handicapped, and sponsor movies of which the proceeds go to well-deserving social agencies like the United Way. If we are this sick, what does this make the rest of the world who does not give to charities and other social organizations. I question how much time Mr. X spends a week with a little brother or helps another social agency.

I personally would rather proudly admit that I belong to this so called group of "sickies" than to slander someone behind their back like a coward!

MATTHEW W. SPERBER '81
"sicky" of Kappa Delta Rho

Clarification

TO THE EDITOR:

Since the resolutions adopted by the faculty at its March meeting seem to have caused some concern, a word of clarification might be helpful.

In the first place, there was no attempt to blame the fraternities for all the incidents which have taken place recently at Middlebury. Obviously there is no necessary connection between the fraternities and the burglary of the library and the harassment of the Harvard-Radcliffe Choir. At the same time, some of the incidents which are set forth in the statement by Dean Spencer which accompanies this letter, very clearly did take place in the fraternities, and presumably the fraternity members must take responsibility for them.

In the second place, we think that the faculty did not simply pass the resolutions in order to suggest that the fraternities are sinks of violence and corruption in a Middlebury which is otherwise devoted to the pure and high-minded search for truth. The context in which they were voted was one of moral indignation over the increase in vandalism, violence, and the kind of disrespect for authority which appears to come from a general lack of consideration by certain individuals towards their fellows. Anyone who has listened to students talk about life in the dormitories can repeat the familiar litany of complaints: the noise from record players, the noise from parties, from hall hockey, the lack of privacy, the vandalism. No one pretends that dormitories are splendid places in which to live, but it is precisely because so many people are put into cramped surroundings that consideration and respect on the part of individuals towards one another becomes so important.

In the third place, not all fraternities are implicated in the second motion; it is directed only against those that do not respect the rights of their fellow students, the faculty, the administrative officers, and the citizens of the town. Nor should the second motion be taken by anyone as threat of retribution. To do so would be to misconceive the attempt of the faculty to express its concern about another part of the college community. To threaten, one must have that power; to punish, one must have that right. The Faculty has no such power and no such right over the fraternities. It is a shame that a move on the part of the faculty which should have been applauded by anyone who is against such acts of violence has become the rallying point for a few individuals who are dissatisfied with the entire College community.

Quite apart from the issues themselves, there is a matter of principle involved in the kinds of reaction which the faculty motion produced. Learning—the reason that we are all here—cannot thrive unless accompanied by a commitment to the open exchange of ideas, a dialogue among members of the academic community. When a member of the junior faculty has the courage to express an unpopular view, because he believes in it, he should be respected for expressing that belief. No matter how much one may disagree with him about the belief itself, tolerance of disparate points of view is essential to an intellectual environment. Unanimity and homogeniety are symptoms of the failure to challenge, question, and learn. When you reach the point where open expression is interpreted as a threat, you in fact threaten the existence of education itself.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL CLAUDON
NICHOLAS R. CLIFFORD
MURRAY DRY
ELIZABETH MANSFIELD
PARDON TILLINGHAST

The writers are members of the College faculty.

Dean Spencer's report to the faculty and the faculty statement appear below.

Below is the information which Dean John Spencer reported to the Faculty on 5 March 1979.

1. Harassment of the Harvard/Radcliffe choral group housed in Gifford Dining Hall on Saturday, 17 February. Some Harvard/Radcliffe visitors referred to the incident as a "state of siege": Middlebury students set off firecrackers, pounded on the doors, issued threats.

Dean Spencer pointed out that there was a previously planned party scheduled for Gifford Lounge (directly above the Dining Hall). Visitors complained of being harassed all night, but Campus Security was not made aware of the problem until 6:15 on Sunday. The resident in Gifford glimpsed some people running from the scene but could not identify them. The College is pursuing a lead but has no definite information.

2. Winter Carnival Incidents

a. Snow Sculptures: In response to a complaint from the Middlebury Board of Selectmen, Dean Erica Wonnacott visited DU on Thursday evening, (Feb. 22), to ask them to dismantle their snow sculpture. She was treated with disrespect, and her request was ignored. The next morning, Deans Spencer and Karl Lindholm visited both DU and Chi Psi and spoke to resident officers about the widespread town complaints and possible town action against the fraternities. Both fraternities agreed to allow the College to destroy their sculptures.

b. Slug Party: On Friday evening (Feb. 23), Slug refused to shut down its party after the normal closing hour of 1 a.m. Dean Lindholm and members of Campus Security (and the town police) stopped by the fraternity to tell them to close down. Little heed was paid to their request. The party continued. Beer was thrown on Orrin Sunderland of Campus Security by an unidentified party. That same evening, a member of Slug wandered into a private home near the fraternity, went upstairs vomiting, and entered a bedroom, after which he was discovered and evicted.

c. Zeta Psi Incident: When the Slug party finally closed down, some students moved to Zeta Psi. When Campus Security arrived there, Orrin Sunderland was hit in the head or neck and missed work for two days as a result of his injury. The students throwing snowballs have not been identified.

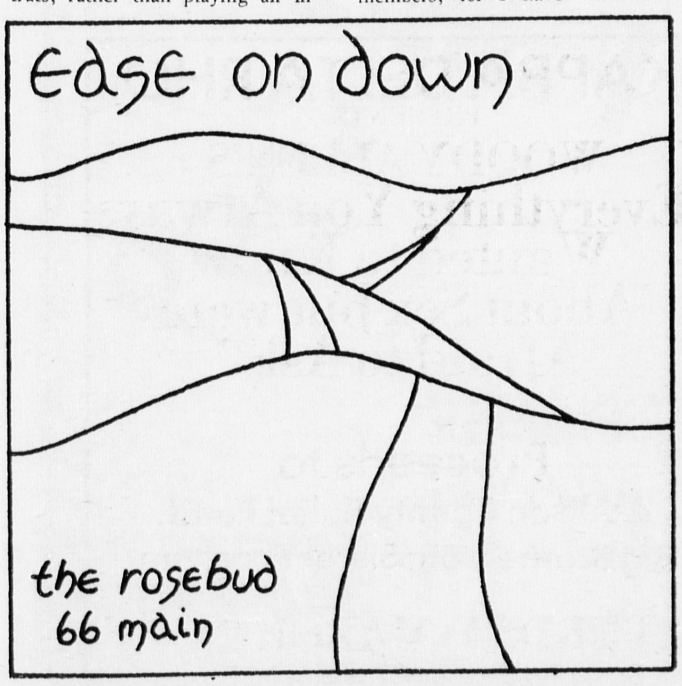
d. Library Break-In: Some time after 3 a.m., someone entered the library through the construction connection, overturned some magazine racks, causing extensive damage, destroyed a chair and entered two offices, stealing some money and the key to the library's copy machine. Total damage exceeded $1000.

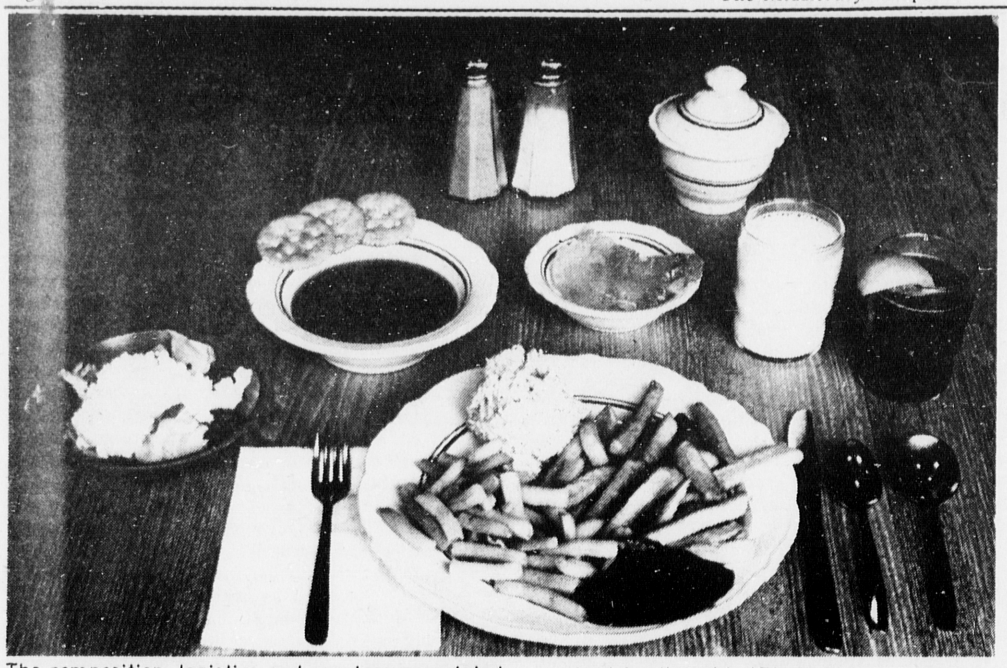
The guilty parties have not been identified, but because money and the copier key were stolen from specific offices, the College believes that the people involved were familiar with the setup of the library and quite likely were students.

Submitted by Jean MacFadden and approved by Dean John Spencer.

The Faculty of Middlebury College deplores the offensive behavior of certain Middlebury College students before and during Winter Carnival weekend: intimidation of guests of the College and also of members of the College staff while they attempted to carry out their duties; flagrant violation of College rules; vandalism and theft in the College library. Such behavior is intolerable and inexcusable. Therefore, we ask the Dean of the College to undertake a full investigation to identify those responsible for these actions and to bring charges against them before the Judicial Council. We also ask the Judicial Council to take prompt and decisive action in each case.

The Faculty also deplores the fact that some of these actions have been committed by individuals and groups as a protest against the College's policy on fraternities—a policy which was developed by a committee representing all of the constituents of the College and concluded after honest deliberation—and that the leadership of some fraternities approve of these acts and of the lawless motives that produced them and have expressed the belief that such behavior, threatening the peace of the College, is a fitting means to achieve their ends. This too is intolerable. We ask the Dean of the College to initiate disciplinary action against these fraternities, and should these fraternities continue to threaten and disrupt the peace of the College that he begin procedures to close them.





The composition, logistics and services associated with a typical meal provide the committees with food for thought. (Photo by Rich Tarlov)

Class scheduling

Full noontime lunch period Proposed by committee

By AMY COLODNY

The subcommittee on the scheduling of classes has, in two meetings held March 6 and March 13, endeavored to reach agreement on problems with the existing class schedule and to adopt a preliminary schedule design to reduce the current problems. The members of the committee are Russell Leng, dean of sciences, Tom Davies, assistant professor of geology, Jean McFadden, secretary of the faculty, Laurie Macaulay '79, Missi Stern '80, and Steve Martel '79.

The existing problems include the sparse use of classroom space between 8 and 9 a.m., overcrowding in Proctor Dining Hall between 12:15 and 12:45 p.m., the need for a universal breathing space at noon, the language lunch in the Chateau and the problem of class distribution in the Science Center.

The 8 to 9 a.m. or 8 to 8:30 a.m. class hours are not efficiently used., the subcommittee has determined. "Many members of the faculty refuse to teach at this hour," according to McFadden, who is in charge of making up schedules. In addition, many students avoid 8 a.m. classes so fewer classrooms are used at this hour. Since heating up the buildings must begin early enough to bring them up to the proper temperature by 8 a.m., there is a needless waste of energy.

Another concern is the heavy schedule of 11a.m. to noon or 10:30 a.m. to noon classes. Currently there are only 261 students in 13 8 to 9a.m. classes and 1,095 students in 42 classes at the 11a.m. hour. This disproportionate number of students taking later classes results in overcrowding Proctor Dining Hall from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.. According to Gary Starr, director of food services, "the problem is most acute on Tuesdays and Thursdays." However, the students on the committee claim that the lines are especially long on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Jean McFadden reported that "space in the Science Center is limited; therefore, classes in that building need to be evenly distributed throughout the morning." This becomes significant if the number of students attending classes from 11a.m. to to noon and 1to 12:30 is reduced.

The subcommitte agrees that there is a need for a "universal breather," or a time when no one is attending classes. This break would take place at the noon hour and would allow for student-faculty meetings, special lunches with visiting guests, and other activities. The "universal breather" would also insure that the "language lunch" at the Chateau would not be disrupted.

In order to deal with the scheduling problems the committee has come up with a preliminary plan for a schedule. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning classes would run from 8:30 to 9:30, 9:30 to 10:30, 10:30 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 12:30. Afternoon classes would run from 1:30 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 3:30., except for three-hour seminars and laboratories which would run from 1-4.

Under the plan, the 8:30 to 9:30 hour would be fully scheduled and the 11:30-12:30 hour would be lightly scheduled. Only students with a class scheduled for both 11:30 and either a seminar or a lab slated for 1 p.m. would have their lunch period reduced to a half-hour.

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Aside from giving students more leisurely lunches, according to one committee member, "the full hour for lunch would give students more time to get out to the SDU's so Proctor would be less congested."

On Tuesday and Thursday morning classes would be in session from 8:30 to 10, 10 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 12:30. Afternoon classes would run from 1:30 to 2:30 and 1:30 to 3, 3 to 4:00, except for seminars and labs which would run from 1 to 4. Again, the 8:30 slot would be fully scheduled and the 11:30-12:30 slot would be lightly scheduled.

It also has been suggested that Proctor open at 11:00 instead of 11:15 in order to allow students who have classes from 11:30-12:30 to eat between 11 and 11:30.

The language lunch at the Chateau, which now starts from 12:20-12:30, would begin from 12:30-12:45 so that only the students with 3-hour seminars or labs would not be able to attend.

Core Committee Coordinates plans

By HENRIETTE LAZARIDIS

The core committee on the Renovation, Expansion and Reorganization of Dining and Student Activity Space, established early this February, has begun its role as overseer of the four subcommittees which are to deal specifically with the various aspects of the possible changes. The subcommittees are handling student activities space, the Bookstore, food service, and class scheduling. This committee, comprising Chairman David Ginevan, associate treasurer; Nicholas Clifford, professor of history; Roger Peel, vice president; James Ross, business manager; Erica Wonnacott, dean of students; Jon Woodbury, director of the physical plant; Peter Duncan '80, Debby Richman '82, and Jeff Dove '81, will now maintain a supervisory role until each committee completes its report March 23.

The operational plan of Phase 1 of the subcommittees' work first is to identify the problems in each area clearly, then to define particular objectives, and, finally, to set the priorities for action towards the accomplishment of the goals. They faced a March 9 deadline for completion of the first phase.

An essential aspect of the Phase II procedure is that each subcommittee must present at least two alternative solutions to the problems of its specific area. Equally important, the subcommittees must keep to the objectives outlined by Phase I.

After Phase II is completed, the core committee will resume its active role in the process by reviewing the suggested alternatives, and by reconciling any contradictions in space use that may have arisen in the separate committee meetings. The subcommittees will refine their proposals according to the core committee's consideration and they will determine methods of implementation.

The process will culminate in a careful preparation of cost estimates and other financial details, and, on May 1, the core committee will submit a recommendation to President Olin Robison.

Bookstore

Peel heads group To improve Bookstore

By HANNAH FELTON

The subcommittee on the Bookstore, chaired by Roger Peel, vice president of the College, held its first meeting March 12. The subcommittee reviewed suggestions about possible changes in the Bookstore which Peel had solicited from department chairmen and other faculty members.

They agreed on a provisional set of objectives including examination of pricing, location and range of merchandise offered in relation to College needs.

The subcommittee also has received advice from other sources. Peel met last week with Carl Peobody, manager of the store, to discuss manager policy and the issue of competition with other merchants in town. Paul Benzinger '81, member of the subcommittee, directed an open meeting in Proctor March 13 to discuss what merchandise should be sold, problems as the kinds of things sold, the function of the store, the overall trafficking pattern of the Bookstore and its access to the real concerns of the community.

Assistant Dean of Students Karl Lindholm pointed out that the subcommittee is still in its preliminary stages, but that it will meet weekly to discuss possible improvements in the store's merchandising techniques, products, and layout.

Lindholm also said, "The bookstore should reflect the intellectual quality of the campus, and our bookstore could perhaps be enhanced in this regard."

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Student activities

Student organizations ask for expanded space

By DEBBY RICHMAN

The student activities subcommittee chaired by Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott has reviewed all student organizations and their respective locations around the campus. As a result of their meeting two weeks ago, the subcommittee listed those activities which need additional space, reporting specific needs. Expansion of large party and other meeting facilities also were outlined. Through an open meeting held March 20, the subcommittee received additional input from the students at large.

WRMC radio station, for example, needs to expand in order to have more general office, engineering and record library space. Although the subcommittee has not yet proposed formal guidelines and solutions to student organization area, some suggest that WRMC should expand into the area presently occupied by the *Campus*. Others think that the station should be in Gifford Hall, because it is transmitted from that location.

The *Campus*, the subcommittee has determined, should be located near the Student Activities office. However, the subcommittee has not yet considered where the newspaper's offices could be expanded or moved.

Other school publications such as the *Kaleidoscope*, *Frontiers* and *Artemis*, are not given sufficient layout or storage areas.

The subcommittee also has reported that the locations of the general Information Desk, the Student Sex Information Service office and the Environmental Quality office are unsatisfactory. In addition, there is insufficient storage space for religious and musical groups, as well as for organizations such as Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), Political Forum, and the Women's Union.

Both the Middlebury College Activities Board (MCAB) and the Student Forum require facilities for meeting, work, and storage space located near the Student Activities office. Wonnacott explained, "It is not essential for the Bookstore to be in the Student Activities building, but it is necessary for certain student activities to be in the Student Activities building." She said she thinks that more meeting ares for other organizations and party areas are necessary. According to the subcommittee, Proctor, Munroe and Gifford Lounges, as well as the Chateau Salon presently are available for such use. However, the committee noted that there is a significant amount of inefficiently used space in existing campus structures.

Underutilized areas include Hepburn Zoo, Hillcrest, the basements of the new dorms, Painter, Gifford basement, Forest West, and the SDU's.

The SDU's, for example, are a viable alternative for meetings. Subcommittee member Darren Zecher '79 noted possible improvements in grotto B (Cook). "It is dim...and needs paint and carpeting" for aesthetic purposes. However, with these minor improvements, this space could be used.

The subcommittee also determined that improvements in McCullough gymnasium and the Science Center would provide more large party space.

Members of the subcommittee include Ted Perry, dean of arts and humanities; Jackie Flickinger, student activities director; James Ross, business manager; Zecher; Peter Duncan '80; Maggie Paine '79; and Caleb Rick '82.

Food service

Proctor overcrowding heads agenda

By KATHY HAVARD

The subcommittee on food service has cited the major problems in the Proctor dining facility, including the overall crowding and noise, difficulties with customer traffic flow, especially in the checking and serving lines and in the narrow aisles between table, and congestion around the beverage counter and salad bar. In a report submitted to the core committee March 9, also identified as a major problem , are the large, awkward tables and chairs, the location of the beverage counter, the extreme heat during summer months, and the lack of easy access to terrace dining.

Aesthetically, Proctor demands a great deal of improvement, according to the committee's report. On the whole, the room is bland and monotonous, with no color scheme or decorations and a sterile lighting system.

The report also discussed other dining facilities. Many of the congestion problems in Proctor also exist in the Social Dining Units, especially within the tower entrances. In addition, much of the available space in the lounges, terraces and grottoes of the units is put to inadequate use.

Chairman David Ginevan and committee members Gary Starr, director of food services; Dean John Spencer; Jon Woodbury, director of the physical plant; and students Sandra Buzby '80, Carolyn Osborn '80, and David Waters '81 have met four times in the past few weeks. Next on their agenda is the preparation of a list of viable solutions to these dining problems.

According to questionnaires placed in the dining halls and to the student input at an open meeting held March 12, Proctor seems to be in need of the most improvement, both with regard to its size and inefficiency.

The committee has suggested several ways to enlarge the dining facility itself. The mailroom could be moved elsewhere, or Proctor could be expanded to the entire main floor of the building and all student activities could be moved upstairs where there is a great deal of unused space. Reopening the dining room located int the basement of Gifford has also been discussed.

Suggestions for improving the already existing facility include the introduction of an electronic checking system to help alleviate the lengthy checking lines at every meal. At the open meeting, Starr estimated that over 30 meals a day are eaten by people who are not on Middlebury's meal plan, adding that a more efficient checking system would eliminate this problem as well.

A self-bussing conveyor belt system that would relieve employee traffic and messy tables has also been proposed. Spencer promised at the meeting that jobs for students that would be eliminated by such a renovation would be replaced. He mentioned library assistants, painters, snow shovelers and a larger dishroomstaff that would be necessary if the conveyor belt system were installed.

Other improvements being discussed include different sized tables and less unwieldy chairs, a recessed lighting system and a raised ceiling to help alleviate the noise problems.

The subcommittee members said they were favorably impressed with the overwhelming student response to the questionaires. Osborn commented that they were very helpful. They exhibited a great deal of conscientious thought on the part of the students".

Besides suggesting some solutions to the problems with the physical aspects of the dining facilities, Osborn said that the questionnaires contained many complaints and suggestions for improving the food itself. Although food is not included in the committee's areas of investigation, she said that these suggestions would certainly be taken into account. She stressed that a "Comment Book" is always readily available at the head waiter's table in every dining unit for complaints and suggestions about the food service.

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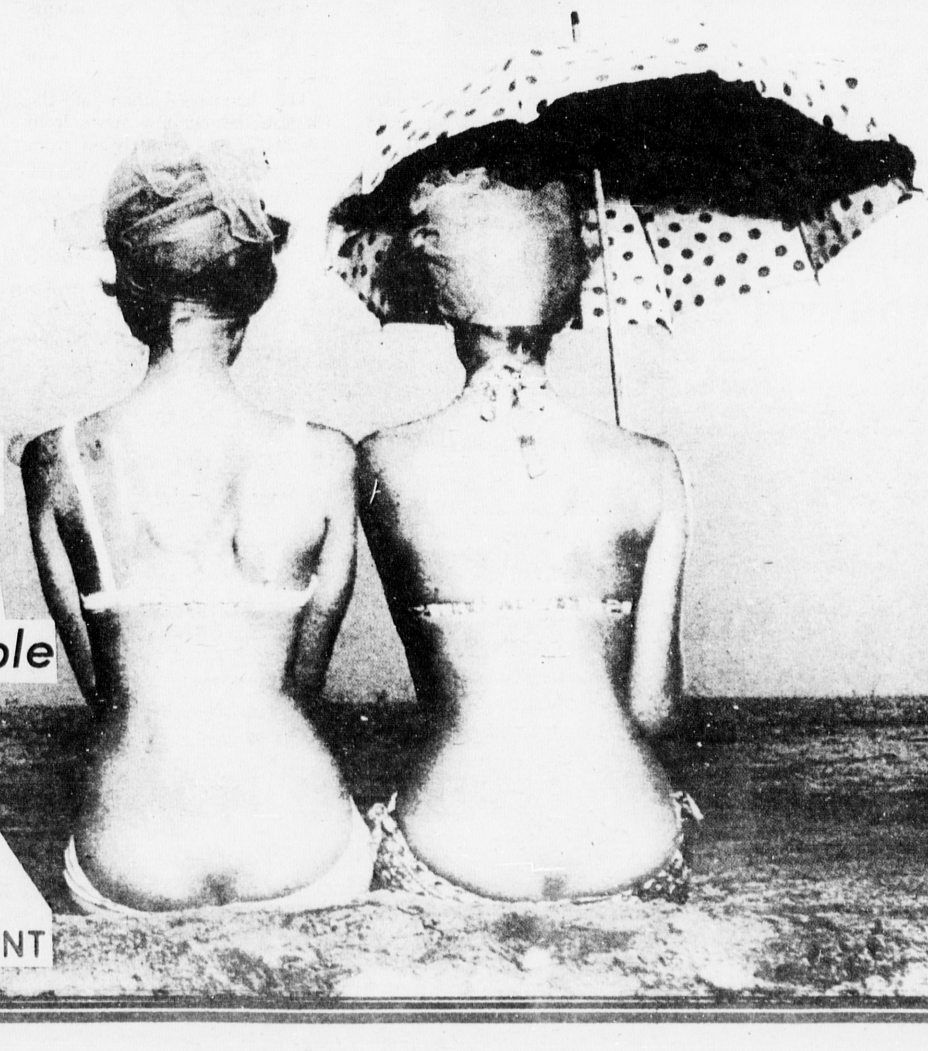

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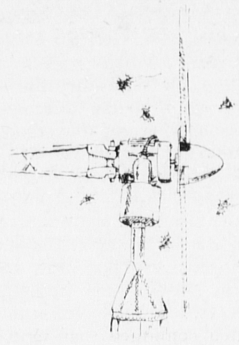
EQ plans to build windmill atop Science Center

By PAM DINSMORE

Those of us who are sure that the crowning glory on the Science Center is part of the new library are in for a surprise in the not so distant future. It won't be long before Environmental Quality builds a windmill on top of the roof as an alternative energy source.

The windmill will be used to generate 500 watts of electricity in a 24 mph wind to charge a series of batteries. Then energy will be channeled into the heating coil in the hot water tank to heat hot water for the Science Center.

According to Dave Magida '79, chairman of EQ, this is the first time EQ has attempted a project on this scale. The group has been working on a project to build an alternative energy device for a couple of years. The windmill plans were found at Enertek, a company specializing in windmills. Magida decided to apply for a grant this year from the Northeast Appropriate Technology Small Grant Program when he found that it would be too difficult to get money from any other source. The grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, applies to any type of alternative energy device. Its purpose is "to encourage individuals, small businesses,



communities and community groups both to develop energy-related ideas and to become involved in energy research and development." EQ has applied for a sum of $8,070, the total cost of materials and construction. Magida said he feels that EQ has a good chance of receiving it. "We did a very thorough job on the application and I think presented a strong appeal for the grant. All we can do now is wait for their decision," he said. EQ will be notified by May 18 by the DOE whether they have received the grant. If they do, they have committed themselves already in the application to have it erected and functioning by Nov 1979.

According to Magida, the project is "practical because it's an energy device using a non-depletive energy source and it's educational in that students can do thesis work on it or just learn about it." It will not be used in any class, but professors will be free to use it whenever they wish. An agreement will be signed between EQ and Vice President of the College Paul Cubeta that is EQ fails to maintain it or disbands it, the windmill will be removed, so it's "definitely a student-run project."

Magida stressed that it won't make a sizable difference in college energy uses but will "give a neat experience to students." He said, "it's a unique project in that it is completely run by the student body and will be maintained by EQ."

First-rate economists to meet here

By STEPHEN CRONCOTA

Middlebury College will host its "First Annual Conference on Economic Issues" April 19 to 21. Participating in the program will be leading economists from around the country, who will discuss tax-based income policies for the United States. They specifically will address the problem of how to devise "a decentralized institution consistent with our political framework to inhibit wage-price spirals."

Associate Professor Michael Claudon, chairman of the economics department, explained how the conference was made possible. "In the winter of 1978 a new program was begun at Middlebiry College as a result of a handsomely endowed visiting professorship made possible by a gift from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation. The purpose of the program is to provide our faculty and students with continued exposure to a diversity of perspectives from economists of the first rank. To this end, it is our intention to invite economists from government and business, as well as from the academic community."

The visiting professorship commenced last year, with Middlebury students being able to study under the guidance of renowned economists such as John Kenneth Galbraith, Lester Thurow, Edward Mason and Evsey Domar. The success of last year's visits merited a more substantial program for this year.

The format of next month's conference will include a keynote address, several invited papers, and a banquet to end the three-day session. A selection of the guests' papers later will be compiled in a book to serve as a text for advanced undergraduates and graduate students as well as for economic policy makers.

Among the guests are Sidney Weintraub of the University of Pennsylvania, considered the father of tax-based income policies; William D. Nordhaus of Yale University, former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisors; Samuel Rosenberg of Williams College and the University of California at Berkeley, former editor of the *Review of Radical Political Economics*; and D. Quinn Mills of the Harvard Business School.

Hillel elects New officers

The Hillel society of Middlebury College held its annual elections recently. Newly installed officers are David Deutsch '81 president, Ralph Schwartz '82 vice president and Larry Cohen '80 treasurer. Deutsch said he hoped to expand the role of Hillel to the students as well as to the surrounding Jewish community.

A few major events are being planned for the spring semester. Israeli weekend was held March 9-10, and featured a variety of Middle East cuisine, a Sunday morning brunch and the motion picture, "Fiddler on the Roof."

In April, Hillel will hold its annual Passover Seder. Most Jewish holidays such as Passover commemorate ancient Jewish trials and tribulations, and Deutsch said he believes that all students who feel a strong tie to the Jewish religion should become involved in the society and its functions in order to maintain their convictions in this predominantly non-Jewish community.

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Students receive grant for Alaska research

By RICHARD TARLOV

Nine Middlebury northern studies students have been awarded a National Science Foundation(NSF)ResearchGrant to work in the Ray Mountains of central Alaska this summer. The award was announced this week and is the first successful student-initiated grant in the 179-year history of the College.

The grant provides for 10 students (the tenth is from the University of California, Santa Cruz) to "conduct an interdisciplinary enviromental evaluation of representative sites of the Ray Mountains. "Among other tasks , the group will try to identify resource development pressures, and assess the impact that a proposed pipeline haul road will have on the area. The funding for the project unofficially stands at $21,000.

The study team members are Ned Farquhar'79, project leader, who will study applied geography; Trina Kassler '79, assistant leader, who will study vegetation; Indy Burke '80, floristics; Steve Brock '81, currently working at the Center for Northern Studies in Wolcott, Vermont, who also will study floristics; Sarah Roeske '80, geology; Thomas Smith '79, soils; Brad Armstrong '79 zoology; Libby Halpin '80, ornithology; Richard Tarlov '79 , applied geography and cartography; and Pam Matthews (UCSC), zoology.

The team members were selected on the basis of demonstrated academic ability, field research training, wilderness experience, and compatability.

Project leader Farquhar primarily was responsible for conceiving the Ray Mountains study and for writing the proposal. Farquhar, who has traveled in the Alaskan wilderness five times, visited the Rays last summer during a research project at another area. It was at that time that he discovered how much there was to be learned from the mountain range. Subsequent research confirmed that virtually nothing is known about the region.

Sparked by what he saw from the air last summer, Farquhar set about searching for student grant opportunities, and he began assembling a team of 10. After several discouraging responses to his inquiries, he found the NSF possibility and learned that the Foundation had awarded about 60 student grants last year.

The proposal was submitted to the student-originated Studies Unit of the NSF in Washington on the Nov. 10, 1978, deadline. The 60-page proposal, submitted in the name of Middlebury College, contained an elaborate description of the proposed project, curriculum vitaes for the team members and project advisors, bibliography, numerous letters of support from around the country, and a highly detailed line item budget proposal totaling $25,000.

Farquhar said that the issue with which the group was most concerned was the "nearby field laboratory" clause of the NSF regulations. "Unique among other study teams, the Middlebury Northern Studies students have as their only laboratory the Alaskan tundra," said Farquhar.

Burke, expressing the enthusiasm of the whole team, said,"I guess we convinced them of the importance of studying this area."

"The 'No Studs' did it again!" commented Brad Armstrong, speaking for the Northern Studies majors.

Deans Erica Wonnacott and Russell Leng, and Treasurer Carrol Rikert, Chuck Racine of the Center for Northern Studies, Assistant Proffessor Perry Hanson and Instructor Robert Churchill of the geography department, and Steve Young, director of CNS and adjunct professor of biology at the College, lent professional advice to the packaging of the proposal.

Work on the project already is underway. In addition, after the field work ends in July, several students will return to Middlebury in the fall to work up the data using the computer facilities and write the final report before presenting it to the foundation in December.

Security keeps campus peace

By ROB HIGGINS

Fred Spencer, Ted Sargent, Orrin Sunderland, and Floyd Smith are four men who are familiar to all who go to school here. They form the regular full-time security force at Middlebury and as the keepers of peace on campus, their job is not always an easy one.

Chief Spencer has been head of security at Middlebury for 10 years, after working as a security officer at Dartmouth for 13 years. With combined experience of 23 years, he has seen many students come and go. Recently, he reflected on his job and his role to the community in an interview. terview.

Spencer remembers 1969, the year he arrived, as a time of unrest on the campus. "All the schools were protesting something," he commented. During his first year, in fact, a building known as the recitation building which stood at the north side of Carr Hall was burned down by a student armed with a molotov cocktail.

Chief of Campus Security, Fred Spencer.
Photo by Chris Pratt

"It was a time when everybody was protesting something," he said. "There was no real reason for it." He cited a march to the high school in that same year, involving several hundred students and the student takeover of the administration building at Dartmouth in 1968. These incidents, he said, were a part of the times. But he maintains that through it all, he has enjoyed his job as a security officer.

"Middlebury is the greatest," he said, "We have a good rapport with the students and we are fortunate to be able to get away with one man on a shift." There are sometimes extras on duty at busier times. But, for the most part, one officer per shift is all that is necessary.

There are three other special officers on the force who are called in part-time as needed, for example, nights when many parties are scheduled. Whenever possible, though, Spencer said he likes to use the regular officers just because they are familiar with the students and the students know them.

Spencer admitted that he has seen some hard times in his duties as a security officer, and there are times when he has felt alienated from the students. In one incident at Dartmouth, he had to enforce a probationary ruling against a fraternity by going through the house every night, checking every room to see that there was no alcohol and that everyone was in. It was a hard position to be in, he said, but by the time the frat was off probation, he had become acquainted with the members so well that he was made an honorary brother. He still displays the plaque in his office above his collection of confiscated head stash items.

In view of recent activities here on the College campus, Spencer said he does not think his job is any harder. The problems during Winter Carnival weekend involving security officers do not directly bother him. "The students have nothing against security itself," he explained. He said minor anti-security sentiment because of the Coffrin Committee decision to eliminate fraternity dining did occur, he said, and some hostility was present, but only for a short time. "The students were irate (about the decision)," he said, admitting, "I can see their point. Lack of communication (with the administration) is their biggest problem. Personally, I'm all for frats."

Now that the frats have made their point to the administration, the chief said he feels that life is more or less back to normal. "We're now back to the way we were," he said, referring to Security-student relations. Steven Sunderland, who had a snowball thrown at him at a Zeta Psi party, doesn't think that he was the specific target of the snowball, Spencer said. He explained, "It's the administration that they're (the fraternities) trying to make up."

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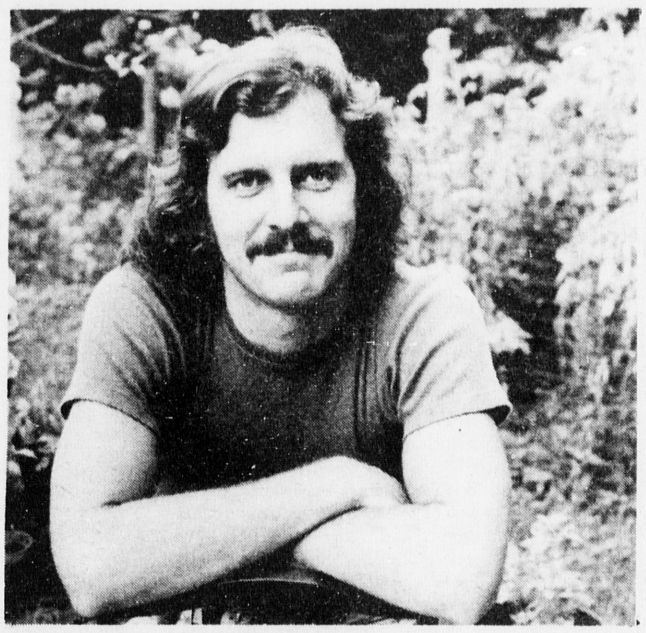

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